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- [] Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement; or
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[X] Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449:

- [] Copies of the cited references are enclosed.
 - [] Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of issued U.S. patents and published U.S. applications are not required and are not being provided.
- [X] Copies of the cited references are enclosed except those entered in prior application, U.S. Application No. 09/549,414, to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the cited references.]
- [] The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.
- [] The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference(s) [] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:
 - [] the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
 - [] the explanation provided in the Specification.
 - [] submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
 - [] submission of the enclosed English-language version of a foreign Search Report and/or foreign Office Action.
 - [] the enclosed English language abstract.

[] Applicant requests that the following non-published pending applications be considered:

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 U.S. Patent Application No. [], by [inventor(s)], filed [], Docket No.: []

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The Examiner is requested to return a copy of the above list of pending applications indicating which references were considered with the next office communication.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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